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In re the Application of:

Ryoji KATO et al.

Serial Number: 09/340,196

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

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Sir:

Further to our Preliminary Amendment filed December 15, 2000, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS**Please amend claims 19-22 as follows:**

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19. (Amended) A method for determining an amount of one of two types of thyroglobulin in a fluid sample originating from a living body, the two types of thyroglobulin in the sample being a specific thyroglobulin, which is thyroglobulin having a sugar chain with a specific structure to which a specific lectin or a specific antibody is capable of binding; and other thyroglobulin, which is thyroglobulin having a sugar chain other than the specific sugar chain to